

Washington State's Scenic Loop Highway

The Cascade Loop



Group Tour Planner

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spectacular drives"**

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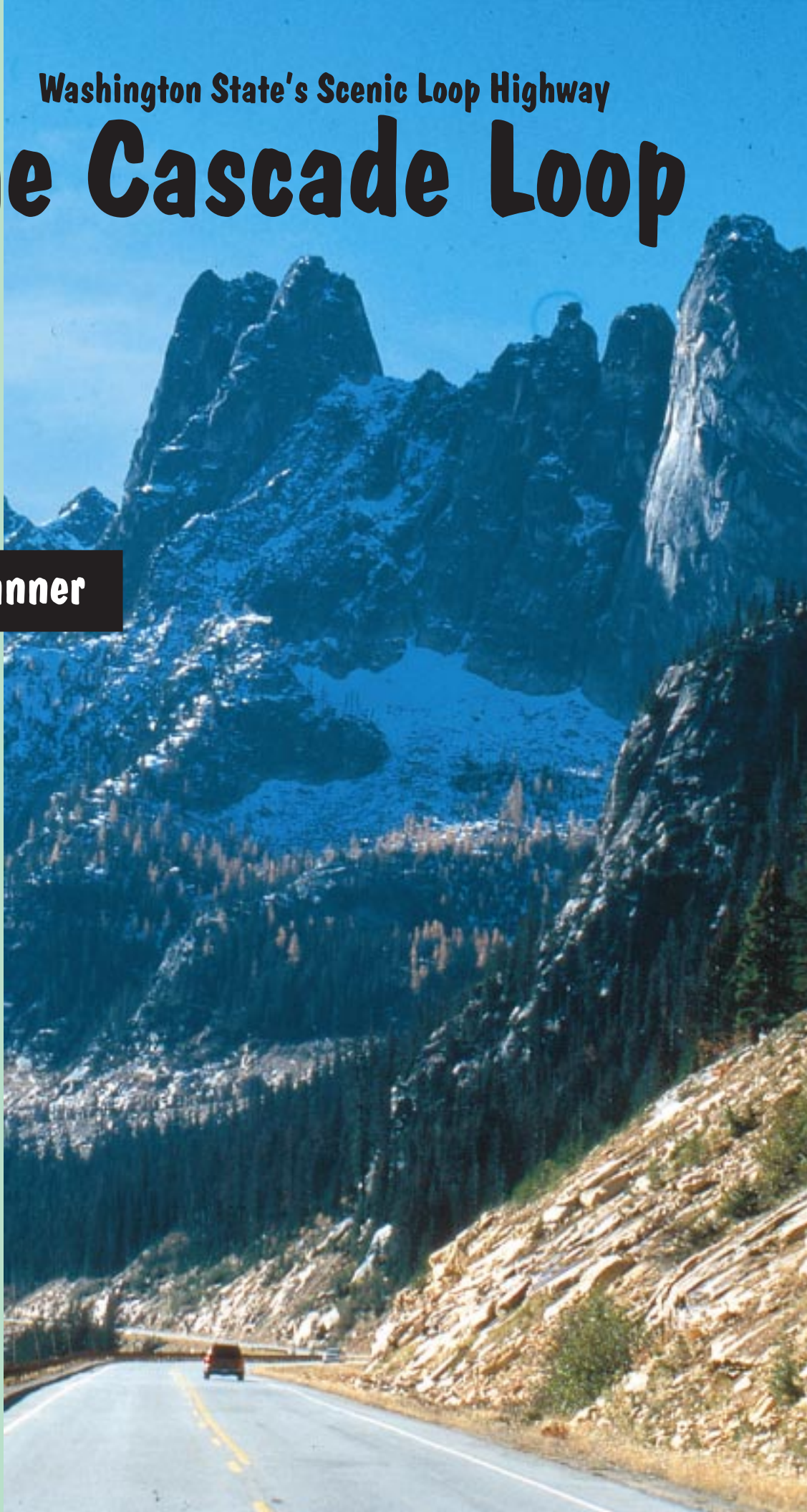


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Above: North Cascades Hwy

Below: La Conner Waterfront



Cover Photo: Liberty Bell Mountain on Highway 20 in the North Cascades National Park

Easy Access

The Cascade Loop is easy to reach via I-5 at Everett on the Southern half of the route or Burlington on the Northern half. If you are coming from, or going to Spokane we are 45 minutes from I-90.

- 28 miles North of **Seattle** via I-5
- 56 miles North of **SeaTac Airport** via I-5
- 112 miles South of **Vancouver, B.C.** via I-5
- 187 miles North of **Portland** via I-5
- 172 miles West of **Spokane** via I-90
- see mileage and time matrices at the end of this handbook for mileage/time between other cities
- Two Amtrak stations, Everett (West Side), Wenatchee (East Side)
- Regular air service to the Loop is available via:
 - SeaTac International Airport (West Side)
 - Pangborn Memorial Airport (East Side, Commuter flights via Horizon Air or Alaska Air).

The Cascade Loop is a combination of highways that are well-maintained, well-marked and comfortable for Motorcoach travel. The entire Loop is open from mid-April to mid-November. 50 miles of the route from Mazama to Newhalem on Highway 20 is closed from mid-November to mid-April due to winter snow conditions. The remainder of the Loop is open and used for commercial travel throughout the entire year.



Welcome to Washington State's Scenic Loop Highway

The Cascade Loop

The Cascade Loop is an incredibly scenic driving tour that begins just 28 miles North of Seattle. It winds through the heart of Washington State from the salty waters of Puget Sound over the Cascade Mountain range and down into the sun-drenched, orchard-laden Columbia River Valley. Enjoy 55-mile long fjord-like Lake Chelan before following the Methow River Valley up to the soaring wild mountains of the North Cascades National Park. Descend down through this pristine wilderness into the fertile tulip fields of the Skagit Valley. Complete the Loop by crossing the bridge in to the mild weather of Whidbey Island, the longest island in the US.

The Cascade Loop is a Mecca of wilderness scenery, unique attractions, fresh-air activities, and comfortable, diverse accommodations. With over 400 miles of territory, this driving tour lends itself to the development of unique itineraries custom-tailored to your tour group's individual tastes and timeframe.

The Cascade Loop Association is a non-profit tourism organization formed in 1980 to promote The Cascade Loop Scenic Highway. As a central contact the Cascade Loop Association provides itinerary planning assistance, photo CD or color slides, video, regional coordination, and Travel Guides. We look forward to making your tour a journey that's "easy to get to...and so scenic you won't want to leave it behind."

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Fast Facts

Length of Route: 440 miles, 708 kilometers

Highest Point on the Highway: Washington Pass 5,477' (in the North Cascades National Park)

Lowest Point: sea level along the shore of Puget Sound

Longest Island in the US: Whidbey Island

Largest producer of tulip bulbs outside of Holland: Skagit Valley
North Cascades Highway (S.R. 20): opened in 1972 after 10 years of construction

Largest producer of fresh market apples in the US: Columbia River Valley

Biggest population of Orca Whales on the West Coast: Puget Sound

World's largest building: Boeing Airplane Assembly Plant

3rd deepest Lake in the US: Lake Chelan - 1,486 '
Only urban wetland on the Pacific Coast:

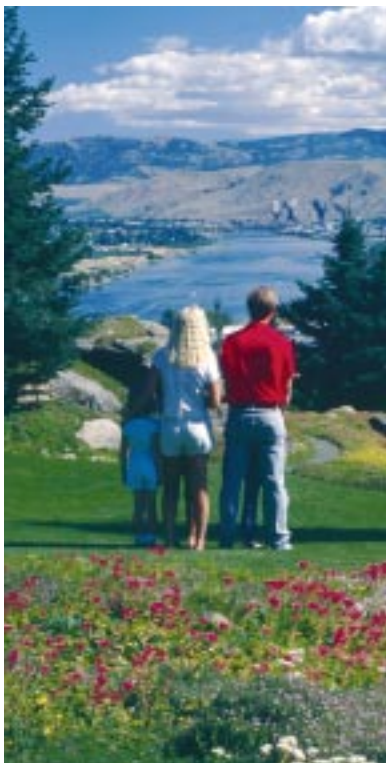
Everett's Spencer Island Wetlands known as the "Everett Everglades"

Washington is the "Evergreen State" – see why as you travel through the North Cascades National Park, three National Forests and four Wilderness areas

All information in this planner is current at the time of printing. Any prices or other details are subject to change without notice.



Mukilteo Ferry on Puget Sound



**Above: Columbia River Valley
Below: The Methow Valley**



Regional Descriptions

The Cascade Loop includes nine regions that encompass nearly every kind of terrain, climate, foliage and scenery that exists in the Northwest.

① Snohomish River Valley

It begins at the waters of Puget Sound and flows through the fertile farm valley leading up to the Cascade Mountain Range. Breezes from Puget Sound keep temperatures moderate year round. Enjoy big city amenities without the big price in the port city of Everett. Visit Boeing's Airplane Assembly Plant or take a whale watching cruise. Puget Sound is home to the largest pod of Orca Whales on the West Coast. Take a 20-minute ferry ride to Whidbey Island from Mukilteo and see glimpses of the San Juan Islands. Browse for antiques in the Victorian town of Snohomish.

② Stevens Pass

Begin your ascent up the lush forestlands of the Cascade Mountains to 4,061' Stevens Pass (a busy ski area in the winter). On the way you pass through the little logging towns of Sultan and Skykomish, see 265' Wallace Falls and view the 5,979' Mount Index. Crossing the Cascades, you leave behind the wet, lush maritime climate for the drier open woodlands of the east slope.

③ Cascade Foothills

The quaint Bavarian Village of Leavenworth greets you as you come out of the narrow, winding Tumwater Canyon which follows the curves of the Wenatchee River. Summer and winter the area boasts a wide array of outdoor activities, interesting shops and restaurants, outdoor musicals and fun festivals. Old American Cashmere is home to Aplets & Cotlets Candy Kitchen and the Chelan County Museum.

④ Columbia River

Wenatchee, the "Apple Capital of the World" sits at the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers. These rivers water acres and acres of apples, cherries, peaches, apricots and other fresh fruit through a vast open-air irrigation system. Visit fresh fruit stands, take a tour through a fruit packing warehouse, see how apples were sorted in the early days, learn how electricity is generated at Rocky Reach Dam or feel the heat at the Columbia Breaks Forest Fire Interpretive Center in Entiat. This region has a semi-arid desert climate with cool evenings and warm, dry summer days. Winter offers sun during the day shining over dry, crisp snow.

⑤ Lake Chelan

Lake Chelan is one of the few large lakes in the U.S. still classified as "pristine". It is the third deepest lake in the US. During the summer, Lake Chelan is a preeminent location for freshwater recreation and comfortable lodging. Lake Chelan is 55 miles long and slices deep into the North Cascade Mountain range. Cruise the entire length of the lake while learning about its history, wildlife and geologic origins. The village of Stehekin sits at the headwaters of Lake Chelan. It can only be reached by boat or floatplane. Enjoy lunch in Stehekin, or take a nature walk, view 312' Rainbow Falls or ride a bike before you cruise back to the town of Chelan.

⑥ Methow Valley

Round up your group and head back to the "Old West" of the Methow Valley. You'll see as many fields of hay, horses and cattle as you do backdrops of mountains. The Valley leads up to the North Cascades National Park. The Old West town of Winthrop takes you back to the days of cowboys with boardwalks and false-front buildings. Miles and miles of easy-to-access trails wind through the entire valley. Join a wagon ride and settle down for a good hearty BBQ meal before a leisurely nature walk.

⑦ North Cascades Highway

The North Cascades Highway 20 was finished in 1972 after years of toiling to find a safe thoroughway for traffic. The highway follows the curves of the majestic North Cascades Mountains through National Parkland where the only residents are deer, birds and stunning vistas. The highway climbs through spectacular mountains giving you the most personal view of the Cascade Mountain Range. The *North Cascades National Park Visitors Center* brings geology, nature and civilization together in an interpretive program about this unique region. Cities at the base of the North Cascades include: Marblemount, Rockport and Concrete.

⑧ Skagit Valley

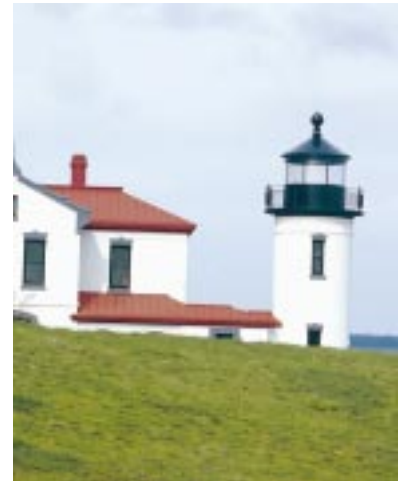
After the intense greenery of the North Cascades, the Skagit Valley tulip fields blaze across the fertile valley with amazing color all the way to the Puget Sound. The Skagit Valley is the second largest producer of tulip bulbs outside of Holland. The annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival occurs each April with other flowering bulbs preceeding and following the bloom of the tulips. Summer brings on the color of fresh berries and produce from the surrounding farmlands. Visit a local fruit stand or take a whale watching cruise from eclectic La Conner – half fishing village and half artist colony joined into a quaint seaside city. Other cities in the Skagit Valley include: Burlington, Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley.

⑨ Whidbey and Fidalgo Islands

Of all the San Juan Islands found in the Puget Sound, Fidalgo and Whidbey Islands are the most easily reached. Cross the bridge to enter Anacortes, a bustling maritime city with a rich history. It is the gateway to the other San Juan Islands and the British Columbia ferry. Head South and cross the soaring Deception Pass Bridge to reach the longest island in the US – Whidbey Island. Fort Casey and Fort Ebey State Parks provide interpretive centers on the historical military presence of the Island along with beaches, high bluff views and walking trails. Visit Oak Harbor, the largest city on the island, to indulge in the famous Penn Cove mussels. The quaint towns of Coupeville and Langley are artist enclaves with galleries and interesting shops. Catch the ferry back to Everett from Clinton.



Skagit Valley Tulip Fields



Lighthouse at Fort Casey on Whidbey Island

Cities with Character

See Regional & City Tourism Contacts section for Chamber, Resource and Visitor Information Center listings.

Chelan (1,200 beds) is located at the southern end of 55-mile-long Lake Chelan. The Lake is the third deepest lake in the US. It is a Mecca of water activities and sunny, dry weather. Stay at one of the full-service resort properties located right on the lake and walking distance to town.

Everett (4,100 beds) is home to the Boeing Airplane Assembly plant, several microbreweries, waterfront restaurants, museums, galleries and cultural amenities expected of a large metropolitan area but without the high prices. Take a whale watching cruise or a ferry ride to Jetty Island.

La Conner (110 beds) is in the heart of the Skagit Valley. It is a unique combination of fishing village, artist's colony and tourist destination with first-class restaurants, unique NW shops and several galleries and museums. Take a whale watching, dinner or scenic cruise from this quaint city.

Leavenworth (1,500 beds), the Bavarian Village beckons with its festive atmosphere and high-quality specialty shops, restaurants, and accommodations. Attend one of the numerous festivals or outdoor musicals.

Oak Harbor (350 beds) on Whidbey Island is a base for exploration of the Island beaches, Rhododendron Gardens, State Parks and breathtaking Deception Pass Bridge. The Island is known as a settlement for artists and produces the world-famous delicacy, the Penn Cove mussel.





Old West Town of Winthrop

Skagit Valley (500 beds) dotted with trim farm houses and big red barns, the valley is home to the largest commercial bulb industry outside of Holland. The fertile fields also grow berries and fresh produce. Skagit Valley cities include: Anacortes, Burlington, La Conner, Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley. All these cities are within a 30-minute drive of each other.

Snohomish has over 450 antique dealers and specialty shops located within a six block area in the historic downtown. Take the self-guided Victorian walking tour. Snohomish is a great lunch stop before you travel over the Cascades to the Eastern half of the Loop.

Stehekin can only be reached by cruising up to the headwaters of Lake Chelan. This remote village is a scenic lunch stop offering the opportunity for a relaxing walk, bike ride or hiking break. Take a bus to 312' Rainbow Falls before stopping in at the local bakery.

Wenatchee (1,500 beds) is the "Apple Capital of the World". It is located in the middle of the orchard-laden Columbia River Valley. See how apples are packed today and in the early days. Take advantage of great hotel rates and year-round availability.

Winthrop (400 beds), the "Old West" town has false-front buildings and wooden boardwalks with western shops and galleries. Nature is right at the edge of town with the North Cascades Mountain Range as a backdrop.

Ways to Stretch your Legs (Attractions & Activities)

Whale Watching & Wildlife Cruises



An Orca Whale and her calf off of Fidalgo Island

May-October from Anacortes, Everett or La Conner - Charter boats take you to view whales, otters, sea lions, porpoises and aquatic birds. Puget Sound is home to three pods (families) of Orcas totaling nearly 100 whales. It is believed that each family has its own distinct language. Spring and summer also bring California Grey whales to the Puget Sound. Dinner, lunch, San Juan Island, Tulip Field Viewing, Christmas and fishing cruises are also available.

Mystic Sea Charters, Anacortes & La Conner Waterfronts - With 30 years experience in the San Juan Islands, Captain Monte Hughes knows every spectacular nook-'n-cranny of these waters. He has a 90% sighting success rate on the whale watching cruises. Whale'N Wildlife (6 hours, \$49-\$59), Sunset Dinners or cocktails (3 hours, \$49.95), Sunday Brunch (4 hours, \$35-45). Group Discounts are available. Contact: Monte Hughes, 800-308-9387, www.mysticseacharters.com.

Mosquito Fleet Wildlife Adventure Company, Everett Waterfront Cruise through Deception Pass to the San Juan Islands for whale and wildlife watching. Everett Everglades tours include the Navy Homeport and Historic Everett waterfront. Value season April-May and Sept-Oct. Peak Season June-Aug. Rates \$25-\$79 (call for discounts). Contact: Robert Isaacson, (800) 325-6722, Fax (425) 339-8353, www.whalewatching.com.

Technical Tours

Boeing Airplane Assembly Plant, Everett

Begin at the world's largest building and see the assembly of the biggest commercial airplane, the Boeing 747. The 70 minute tour includes a video about Boeing, a visit inside the factory building to watch airplane assembly, and a drive along the flight line where completed 747, 767, and 777's are tested. Tours are conducted Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am-3 pm, \$10/person, check or money order. Call for holiday closures. Advance Reservations required, motorcoach parking, handicap accessible. Max. Group Size: 50. Contact Amy Spain at the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau for group reservation form (425) 348-5802, or call Boeing at (425) 342-6158, (800) 464-1476, FAX (425) 342-7787, www.boeing.com.



Boeing Airplane Assembly Plant

Liberty Orchards, Cashmere - home to the famous Aplets & Cotlets fruit & nut candies. Take a tour of their old-world kitchen, taste their delicious confection that's been a Washington tradition for over 80 years. Friendly employees will guide your group through every step of their traditional process from hand-sorted walnuts to hand-packed boxes. Tour hours April – December: M-F 8am-5:30pm, Sat/Sun 10am-4pm. Tour hours January-March: M-F 9:30am-4:30pm. Contact: (509) 782-4088, 117 Mission Avenue, Cashmere, WA 98815. www.libertyorchards.com.

Buse Timber, Inc., Everett – Tour this lumber mill in north Everett processing raw logs to cut lumber. Annual production is 70 million board feet of lumber and timber cuttings. Products sold include lumber, wood chips for paper, sawdust, hog fuel for boilers, beauty bark and dry shavings. The tour takes 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Expect uneven catwalks and debris in walkway...you are immersed in the actual processing facility. Contact: Superintendent Larry Dean, reservations required at least one week in advance (800) 305-2577, (425) 258-2577, 3812 28th Place NE, Everett, WA 98205-3209.

US Postal Service, Everett Processing & Distribution Facility – Tour this 128,000 sq. ft. mail routing and processing center. The center processes 3 million pieces of mail daily. View processing equipment collating, canceling, and sorting by city, zip and even carrier route. Autofacer canceling machines sort letters by script, typed address, and pre-bar-coded letters for further processing. Tour takes 20 minutes to 2 hours depending on special interest and background. 20 people per tour maximum but can do two simultaneous tours. Tours available Tues.-Fri. 9 am-6 pm. Reservations required. Contact: (425) 355-7788 x348, 8120 Hardeson Road, Everett, WA 98203.

Mukilteo Coffee Company, Everett – Experience a unique coffee roasting facility. Sample coffee blends and specialty roasts, a quintessential Pacific Northwest treat. One week advance notice for group reservations. Half hour tours Wed/Thurs/Fri afternoons. Contact: Gary Smith (425) 348-9692, 10809 47th Avenue West, Mukilteo, WA 98275.

Everett Naval Station, Everett – Tour one of the seven vessels in port including the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. Tour participants must be able to maneuver steep stairwells. No charge. Advance reservations required. USS Abraham Lincoln tours are 1 hour, frigates and destroyers are 45 minutes. Contact: Tour Info Line (425) 304-5665, (425) 304-3201, West Marine View Dr., Everett, WA 98206.

An Apple a Day

Washington State is the world's top producer of fresh market apples. The *Washington Apple Commission Visitors Center* is the place to explore this fascinating industry. Receive a warm welcome from their staff, a brief introduction, tour of the Center, and enjoy apple juice and fresh apple samples. View a 15-minute film about the Washington apple industry from orchard to market. Explore their "backyard" orchard to see the latest growing and pruning techniques firsthand. Peek inside a "real" beehive and try on a beekeeper's cap. Learn how cold storage technology helps provide fresh apples year round. Hear the whir of a wind machine and learn how it keeps apple trees warm. This tour is FREE. Reservations are suggested. If you would like to include fresh apple pie or pastry and coffee there is a small per person fee. Reservations are required one week in advance.

If you would like an in-depth peek into the industry, *Trout Blue Chelan* offers apple packing tours. Visit this real fruit packing warehouse to see how fruit received from the orchard is washed, sorted, wrapped and packed for shipment (seasonally available summer-fall).

Visit the Wenatchee Valley Museum where a working historical display of apple sorting equipment can be demonstrated along with a permanent display of the largest collection of fruit warehouse labels in the Northwest.



Liberty Orchards Candy Kitchen Tour



Port of Everett and Everett Naval Station



Fresh apples are available at many roadside fruit stands



**Harvesting Apples in the
Columbia River Valley**
-Washington Apple Commission Photos



Skagit Valley Tulip Farm



Bavarian Leavenworth's Maifest

If you are planning a tour during the last week in April through the first week in May take part in the *Washington Apple Blossom Festival* with parades (reserved seating available), live entertainment, arts & crafts fair and many other activities to celebrate the agricultural industry.

Plan a healthy, delicious rest stop at one of the following fruit stands that offer fresh Washington fruits, produce, jams, juices, pastries along with picnic and restroom facilities:

Prey's Fruit Barn (1-1/2 miles east of Leavenworth) - Contact: Rudy Prey, Jr. (509) 548-5771, PO Box 536, Peshastin, WA 98847. Open daily June-Nov. 8am-7pm. www.preysfruitbarn.com

Rest Awhile Fruit Stand (Pateros) - Contact: Bill Wood (509) 923-2256, 53 Hwy 153, www.lakechelan.com/rest.htm, Open daily June-Nov.

Trout/Blue Chelan, Inc. - Contact: Phyllis (509) 682-2591, Hwy 150, PO Box 669, Chelan, WA 98816

Washington Apple Commission - Contact: Diane Griggs (509) 663-9600 x249, dgriggs@bestapples.com, 2900 Euclid Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801, www.bestapples.com

Washington State Apple Blossom Festival - Contact: Darci Waterman, (509) 662-3616, PO Box 2836, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Wenatchee Valley Museum - Contact: Mary Thomsen (509) 664-3345, 924 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801

Spring into Festivals

① Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, Entire Skagit Valley

First 2-1/2 weeks of April - For 18 years the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival has been showing people a blazing natural theater of color and fun in the fertile Valley sandwiched between the stunning Cascade Mountain Range, Mount Baker and the waters of the Puget Sound. Between 700-1,000 acres of bulbs are planted each year. The tulip fields are spread out over a 15-mile radius with events scattered around the entire county. People journey via car, tour bus, bicycle and boat to see the flowers in bloom. Tours of the tulip fields and bulb companies are open throughout the entire festival. Individual events scheduled on different days (sometimes several days) during the festival include: The Art Bash, Art in a Pickle Barn, Sportsman Show, Quilt Walk, Llamas N' TTulips, Salmon BBQ, Fly-In, dairy farm tours, Woodfest Logging Festival, etc.

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Assoc. Contact: Cynthia Verge (360) 428-5959 PO Box 1784, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, FAX (360) 424-6237, tulip@sos.net, www.tulipfestival.org

② Apple Blossom Festival, Wenatchee

Last week of April -1st week of May - Since 1919 The Washington State Apple Blossom Festival has been celebrating the lovely spring bloom of the Wenatchee Valley's most important fresh fruit crop. The celebration hosts a grand parade (3 hours - bands, floats, drill teams, etc.) on the 2nd weekend and a children's parade on the first weekend. An arts & crafts fair, daily live entertainment in the park, carnival and concerts are just a few of the many events occurring during this two-week long celebration. Reserved seating (\$4/person) is available for the Grand Parade with motorcoach drop off, pick up and parking available as well.

Washington State Apple Blossom Festival - Contact: Darci Waterman, (509) 662-3616, PO Box 2836, Wenatchee, WA 98801

③ Maifest, Leavenworth (2nd week of May)

Since 1972 the Maifest Celebration has provided a bounty of beautiful flowers, a variety of Oompha music, entertainment, dancing, art, food and fun. Highlighting the festival is the Grand March with Bavarian dancers performing around the Maipole, Bavarian wagons, Hafflinger horses, Bernese Mountain Dogs pulling decorated carts, and 15' puppets soar over it all. Join the Duke and Duchess for a Bavarian Renaissance Picnic – catered picnic lunch, renaissance dance, songs, games, puppet show, and authentic costumes. It also features an open air art show. Contact:

Leavenworth Chamber (509) 548-5807, info@leavenworth.org.

North Cascades National Park

The Cascade Loop travels through the middle of the North Cascades National Park (fee free). The road was opened in 1972 after 10 years of construction. The highway winds through the spectacular Cascade Mountain range. Staggering views of towering mountains surround you throughout most of the highway. Great walls of granite sweep upward to Kangaroo Ridge, Early Winters Spires and Silver Star Mountain. The massive bulk of 7,600 foot Liberty Bell Mountain seems to block any passage through the mountain fortress. Just when passage seems impossible, the highway makes a great horseshoe bend and clambers up the face of Liberty Bell. Halfway through your journey, stop at Washington Pass Overlook for a rest stop, nature walk and photo ops. Don't miss the overlooks of Diablo and Ross lakes. These brilliant teal and jade glacier-fed lakes are shining gems of nature. For a tour on Ross Lake see the **"Hydroelectric Dam Tours"** section.

The **Winthrop Forest Service Station** provides a free cassette tape telling the history and tales of the North Cascades route to listen to while driving the passes. The **North Cascades Visitors Center** in Newhalem offers a free 30 to 45-minute interpretive orientation on the North Cascades Park at their state-of-the-art visitors center (great restroom stop). See a movie on the region, interpretive displays on how the Cascade Mountain range was formed and listen to a Ranger describe the foliage, wildlife and seasons of the North Cascades Parkland. Plan on a 45 minute to 1 hour stop.

The **North Cascades Institute** is a non-profit organization that offers field seminars on natural history, wildlife, geological formation of the region and other interesting hands-on educational field trips within the North Cascades National Park. For a half-day to one-day seminar call for availability and pricing.

North Cascades Institute, Contact: Tracie Johannessen, Program Director (360) 856-5700 x365

North Cascades National Park Service/VIC - Contact: Tim Manns (360) 856-5700 x365

Winthrop US Forest Service VIC (509) 996-4000, May-Oct

Scenic River Floats

Scenery, sun, fun, wildlife...experience it all on a scenic river float on one of the following Cascade Loop rivers: Main, Upper North & Upper South Skykomish River, Methow River, Wenatchee River, and the Skagit River. Tours are available throughout most of the year including a Dec.-Feb. "Skagit River Bald Eagle Tour". Many of these tours require no rafting experience at all. They are an enjoyable, relaxing water floats with time to observe the wildlife and scenery at river's edge. Most floats include a gourmet meal and all necessary gear.

Alpine Adventures Wild & Scenic River Adventures

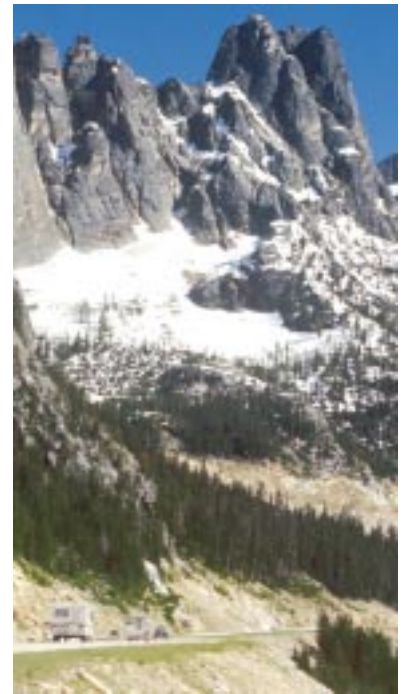
Contact: Allan Kearney, Program Director, (800) 723-8386, wsrt@nwlink.com, PO Box 22606, Seattle, WA 98122, www.alpineadventures.com. Rates \$75/person, includes: lunch, river gear and sales tax, group discounts available.

All Rivers Adventures

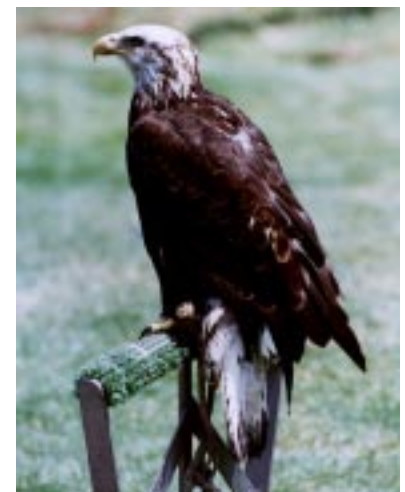
Contact: Bruce Carlson, (800) 743-5628, PO Box 12, Cashmere, WA 98815, www.allrivers.com. Rates: \$32/person Group Tour Sampler Float, \$60/person Upper Wenatchee Osprey Floats, other floats also available. Most floats include: deluxe meal and gear. Group discounts available.

Enchanted Water Tours

White water and scenic rafting trips. Also kayak instruction and rentals. Riverside lunches included. Contact: John Miklosh, (888) 723-8987, PO Box 611, Leavenworth, WA 98826, www.enchantedwatertours.com.



Hwy 20 in the North Cascades National Park



Bald eagle in the Eagle Sanctuary near Marblemount



Choose a tranquil river float or a wild whitewater rafting trip



Lady of the Lake boat cruise on 55-mile-long Lake Chelan

Museums

There are many museums and galleries located throughout the Cascade Loop. They range from those featuring Pioneer history including reconstructed Pioneer villages utilizing original log buildings, furniture and implements to historical mining, fruit and logging industry displays. There is an emphasis on Native American and regional history regarding the Puget Sound and the North Cascades. Some of the unique Museum themes include: Bavarian Nutcrackers, Electricity, the Columbia River, Lighthouse, Fish, Quilts, and Northwest Art. See the Attractions Listing section for museums along the Cascade Loop.



Chelan County Museum & Pioneer Village in Cashmere

Lake Chelan Boat Cruise

Cruise the entire length of 55-mile-long Lake Chelan. It is the third deepest lake in the US and one of the few still classified as “pristine”. Surrounded by the Cascade Mountains and the semi-arid Columbia River Valley the lake is a blend of spectacular scenery and geological wonder. The narrated cruise stops at the head of the Lake in the remote village of Stehekin. Stehekin can only be reached by boat or floatplane. This area is nestled between the North Cascades National Park, the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the Sawtooth Wilderness area. Enjoy lunch, a walk, hike or bike ride, stop at the bakery, or take a bus ride to 312’ high Rainbow Falls. The **Lake Chelan Boat Company** offers three different types of boat cruises. Boats run year round. Schedule varies by season. Reservations are required May-September. You may ride one way on one boat and return via a different vessel.

Lady of the Lake II - 4 hours each way, concessions aboard or picnic lunches to go. 90 minute layover in Stehekin, \$23/person roundtrip

Lady Express – 2-1/4 hours each way, concessions aboard or picnic lunches to go. 60 minute layover in Stehekin, \$42/person roundtrip (May-Oct), \$22/person roundtrip (November-April).

Lady Cat – 1-1/4 hours each way, 90 minute layover in Stehekin, \$89/person roundtrip

Tours Available from Stehekin: *Rainbow Falls Tour* – 45-minute narrated tour to 312’ Rainbow Falls - \$6/person. *High Bridge Bus & Lunch Tour* – Narrated bus tour deep into the wilderness of the Stehekin Valley. View Rainbow Falls, Buckner Orchard, the oldest producing apple orchard in the US, enjoy an “Old Fashion Picnic” lunch, \$20/person. *Lower Valley Bicycle & Lunch Tour* – Bikes and daypacks filled with lunch, water bottles and maps are provided for a leisurely ride in the valley to visit local sites. \$15-\$25/person.

Lake Chelan Boat Company, Contact: Betty Lust, (509) 682-4584, PO box 186, Chelan, WA 98816, www.ladyofthelake.com.

Outdoor Theater & Concerts

Icicle Creek Music Center’s Summer Chamber Music Festival

(Leavenworth) – These July concerts feature chamber music, jazz and bluegrass artists as well as Leavenworth’s resident ensemble Kairos Quartet. \$16/person on Saturday Nights, \$14/person on Sunday nights. (877) 265-6026.

Lake Chelan Bach Feste (2 weeks in mid-July) – This festival features Bach and other classical composers during afternoon and evening concerts in indoor and outdoor venues. Contact: Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce (800) 424-3526, info@lakechelan.com, www.lakechelan.com.

Leavenworth Summer Theater (Late July-Aug) – A highly acclaimed outdoor summer theater presents timely classics enjoyed in a beautiful mountain setting. See shining stars on the stage and in the evening sky performing *The Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Brigadoon*. Performances are on the weekend and mid-week. \$12-\$20/person, (509) 548-2000

Methow Music Festival (Aug 4-18, Mazama) – Classical chamber music in the barns and meadows of Mazama with special events throughout the beautiful Methow Valley. The main concert venue is in the Cassal Ranch barn which features outstanding acoustics as well as breathtaking views of surrounding rock walls, peaks and forests...and sometimes a meandering cow or two. (800) 340-1458, www.methow.com/mmf

Leavenworth’s Annual International Accordion Celebration (June 19-24) – Highlights a unique accordion parade down the center of town, concerts feature well-known musicians, exciting competitions, workshops and an opportunity to dance to the lively music of accordionists from all over the country. \$12 concert tickets, no admission fee for other activities. Contact: Leavenworth Chamber (509) 548-5807.

Meerkerk Gardens' Magic Festival of Flowers & Music (4th weekend of April, Whidbey Island) – Experience the peak blooming season of Meerkerk's magnificent rhododendron collection featuring thousands of species and hybrids. Local musicians perform throughout the gardens in harmony with the flower world in her glory. Contact: Kristi O'Donnell (360) 678-1912, www.whidbey.net/meerkerk/gardens.html, \$4-\$5/person

Bavarian Folk Dance Festival (April 21, Leavenworth) – A celebration of the cultures of America with an emphasis on Bavarian traditions. Folk dance exhibitions, colorful ethnic costumes, lessons and a variety of music and entertainment. Saturday concludes with a Bavarian Folk Ball. Contact: Leavenworth Chamber (509) 548-5807

For information on the following musical events contact the local Chamber of Commerce or the Cascade Loop Association.

Rhythm & Blues Festival (Winthrop) – July

Country Music Festival (Winthrop) – July

Old Time Country Music Fest (Skykomish) – August

Leavenworth Acoustic Music Festival – August

Old Time Fiddle Contest (Winthrop) – August

Central Whidbey Island Dance Bonanza (Coupeville) – November

Hydro-Electric Dam Tours

The Pacific Northwest is the primary provider of hydroelectric power in the US. Tours of these clean, renewable power sources give visitors a hands-on view of power generation. The facilities usually have fish ladders and fish viewing areas along with museums, interpretive displays, restrooms and parks adjoining their facilities.

Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project - Free self-guided and guided tours May-Sept. Located 7 miles North of Wenatchee on the Columbia River. An hour self-guided tour takes you through the Museum of the Columbia and Museum of Electricity offering a glimpse into the history of early life along the Columbia River and a chronological development of electricity. Displays of local and regional artists and the Nez Perce Indian Portrait Collection are on view along with a Fish Viewing Room, coffee shop and restrooms. No reservations are necessary for the self-guided tour. A guided tour of the Generator Room and the inner workings of this power plant are available free of charge but do require reservations. Allow 1-1/2 to 2 hours for the guided tour. You may also plan on walking the gardens around the Dam and bringing a box lunch to eat at one of the shelters on the grounds. Picnic shelter reservations are required and free. Self-guided tours open Feb. 15-sunday after Thanksgiving. Guided tours available June-Labor Day with one week notice or call for availability on other dates. Contacts: Bonnie Brawley or Nancy Duree (509) 665-7834 x6624, www.chelanpud.org

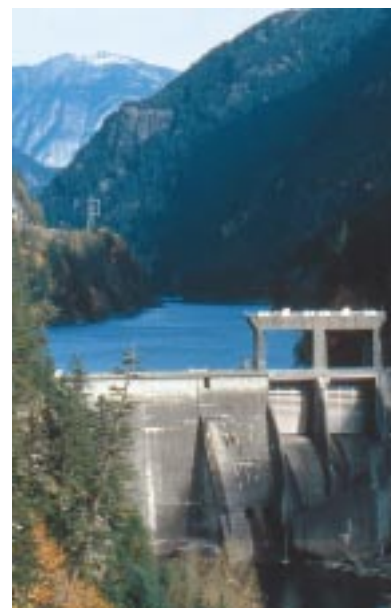
Skagit Hydroelectric Project – Located within the North Cascades National Park on the Skagit River and Diablo Lake. Two guided tours are available and require advance reservations. The *Ross Deluxe Meal Tour* is a 4 hour tour. Travel 560' up the side of Sourdough Mountain on the antique Incline Railway. Watch the "History of the Skagit" come alive in the spacious 120-seat theater. Cruise the glacier-fed waters of Diablo Lake. Feel the power of the mammoth Ross generators as you tour an operating hydroelectric plant. Savor a bountiful all-you-can-eat chicken or vegetarian spaghetti meal served with home-baked rolls and apple pie a la mode. \$25/person, \$22/sr., group discounts available. The 90-minute *Diablo Dam Tour* covers the highlights of the Skagit Project with an Incline Railway ride, video tour of the Diablo Powerhouse then walk across Diablo Dam, featured in the movies "The Deer Hunter and Superman II". \$5/person. Tours June 15-August 31 (Thursday-Monday), weekends only in September. Tours end October 1. Tour times and reservations (206) 684-3030, www.cityofseattle.net1/light/tours/skagit.asp



Meerkerk Rhododendron Garden holds spring concerts



Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Dam on the Columbia River



Ross Dam in the North Cascades National Park



Skagit Hydro-Electric Dam Tour



Historic Snohomish, the "Antique Capital of the Northwest"



Take a wagon or sleigh ride for a countryside view

Henry M. Jackson Hydroelectric Project (Sultan) – See four turbine generators producing 112 megawatts of electricity. Contact: Michelle Robbins (425) 258-8668. Reservations required 4 weeks in advance. Tour takes 1 hour and is handicap accessible.

Grand Coulee - a detour on Hwy 2 from Wenatchee (1-1/2 hours) leads you across rolling wheat fields to Grand Coulee Dam – the "8th wonder of the world". Visit the Dam interpretive center and then watch the 33-minute laser light show on the Dam spillway each evening at dusk from Memorial weekend to September 30th. Contact: Susan Miller, 800-268-5332, www.grandcouleedam.org.

Antiques, Art & Unique Shops

Anacortes – Antiques and galleries plus a museum in the old sternwheeler W.T. Preston all overlooking the San Juan Islands.

Coupeville – Many original buildings dating back to the 19th century. Growing number of art galleries spurred by the internationally respected Arts Center instruction facility. On Whidbey Island.

Langley – Turn-of-the-Century buildings house art galleries, fine restaurants and unique gift shops all overlooking the Puget Sound.

La Conner – Many galleries, garden-related stores, fine restaurants and gift shops plus home of the Quilt Museum and the Museum of Northwest Art right on the Swinomish Channel of Puget Sound.

Leavenworth – Unique high-quality gift, clothing and art shops featuring Bavarian and European goods and local artisans.

Snohomish – Over 450 antique dealers and specialty shops located within a six block area of historic downtown. Great lunch stop. Self-guided Victorian walking tour.

Twisp – Confluence Art Gallery features regional artists and rotating exhibits that capture the spirit of the Northwest. (509) 997-ARTS.

Winthrop – Shops with a Western flair, a variety of restaurants and galleries featuring local artisans.

Hayrides & BBQ's

Let down your hair, pick up your heels and take a wagon or sleigh ride through the great Northwest outdoors.

Early Winters Outfitting – Mazama

These guys are the real thing...a riding, packing, fishing and hunting ranch at the entrance to the North Cascades National Park. Enjoy cowboy dinner rides with entertainment during an authentic BBQ steak, chicken and rib dinner. Contact: Aaron Lee & Judy Burkhart (800) 737-8750, PO Box B-6, Mazama, WA 98833, horse@methow.com

Mountain Springs Lodge - Plain, near Leavenworth

Circle the wagons and enjoy the grub (May-Oct). After the Covered Wagon ride (or sleigh ride), enjoy the best darn fixin's in the old west. \$34/person. Contact: Rich Cram, Manager (800) 858-2276, 19115 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Leavenworth, WA 98826

Red-Tail Canyon Farm - Leavenworth

What better way to see the beautiful countryside than a guided tour in a horse-drawn wagon or sleigh. Experience first-hand how draft horses are used for farming and logging. After the ride, enjoy a delicious cookout. Contact: Marianne Ross (800) 678-4512, redtail@nwi.net, www.redtailcanyonfarm.com, 11780 Freund Canyon Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826. \$6-\$25/person.

Sun Mountain Lodge – Winthrop

Cowboy Camp Dinner or Buckaroo Breakfast (mid-May thru Mid-October). Take a horse-drawn wagon to an old homestead for a memorable western meal. Dinner \$37/person, Breakfast \$30/person. Contact: Karla Segale (800) 572-0493 x724, smtnsale@methow.com, www.sunmountainlodge.com, PO box 1000, Winthrop, WA 98862

Natural Wanders

Fish Hatcheries ❶ Leavenworth Fish Hatchery— Exhibits identify fish and their habitats, gift shop. Open daily 7:30am-4pm. Annual **Wenatchee River Salmon Festival** September 21-23. This event celebrates the annual return of the salmon with “hands on” and educational exhibits, entertainment and activities. Contact: Leavenworth Chamber (509) 548-5807. ❷ National Fish Hatchery, Winthrop – See Chinook salmon and trout with interpretive displays. Open daily 8am-4pm, call in advance for tour guide reservations (509) 996-2424.

Columbia Breaks Forest Fire Interpretive Center, Entiat – Short interpretive trail describing the cause, control and history of forest fires in our native Northwest region, including two fire look-out towers.

Smokejumpers Base, Twisp – Visit the training and departure base for smoke jumper firefighters. June-October 9am-6pm. (509) 997-2031.

Apple Capital Recreation Loop Trail, Wenatchee - paved gentle walk along the Columbia River with picnic grounds, river access, lots of green grass and nice restrooms. Good parking, access. Contact: Wenatchee Valley C.V.B. (800) 572-7753, www.wenatcheevalley.org.

Chelan Riverfront Trail – Paved loop walking path that meanders along the river and over two bridges with entrance right from downtown.

Jetty Island, Everett – Free ferry ride from Everett Waterfront to this island teeming with wildlife, saltwater beaches, and nature trails. July-September. Self-guided walks or call Ranger Karen Knight for guided walks (425) 257-8300.

Serpentarium, Gold Bar – all kinds of reptiles, snakes, spiders & turtles in a modern facility. Open daily 10am-6pm. \$3/person, (360) 793-2000.

Osprey Park, Sultan - take this 1 mile interpretive river walk, learn about wetlands, eco-systems and salmon spawning.

Ohme Gardens, Wenatchee – Nine acre self-guided alpine garden perched on a high rocky bluff with native stone paths that wander from one level to another with views of the Wenatchee Valley and the Columbia River. Ranked among the leading gardens in America. Contact: Mike Short (509) 662-5785, www.ohmegardens.com. Open Daily April 15-October 15, 9am-6pm. Rates: \$6/person, ask about group discounts.

Eagle Sanctuary, Rockport– 1500 acre sanctuary for bald eagles. Annual Bald Eagle Festival (Feb.-1st Weekend) celebrates their winter home. Interpretive Center open Jan.-Feb. weekends & holidays. (360) 853-7009, www.skagiteagle.org.

Padilla Bay National Estuarine Sanctuary Interpretive Center, Mount Vernon – Home to a variety of wildlife including bald eagles, harbor seals, blue herons, and trumpeter swans. Self-guided tours or contact Susan Wood for guided Tours. 10441 Bayview Edison Road. Free entrance. Wed-Sun 10am-5pm. (360) 428-1558.

Forts, Whidbey Island – *Fort Casey State Park* on Central Whidbey Island features late 19th century military fortifications, Admiralty Head Lighthouse, and an interpretive Center. (360) 678-4519. *Fort Ebey State Park* provides miles of hiking trails and stunning high-bluff views. (360) 678-4636. Both parks have free entrance, open daily 8am-dusk.

Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens, Central Whidbey Island – 53 acres and miles of meandering paths take you through this self-guided garden with over 2000 varieties of Rhododendrons plus azaleas, ornamental trees, Hybrid Test Garden, Asian Garden and Hall Garden. Guided tours are available by reservation. Contact: Kristi O'Donnell, Garden Manager (360) 678-1912. Open year round 9am-4pm. \$3/person.

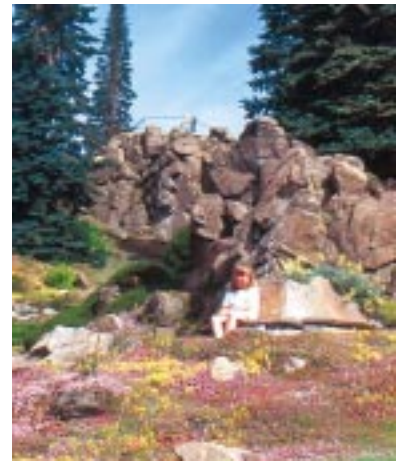
Washington Pass Overlook, North Cascades National Park – A driver's overlook with spectacular views of the Cascade Mountain range, short hikes leading from the parking lot, modern restrooms, and picnic facilities.



Ross Lake Overlook in the North Cascades National Park



Snow Geese in Flight in the Skagit Valley



Ohme Alpine Gardens



Admiralty Point Lighthouse at Fort Casey State Park

Tour Themes



Skagit Valley Tulip Field in Bloom



Lake Chelan, 55 miles long



Chelan County Pioneer Village & Museum in Cashmere



Horseback riding in the Methow Valley

① Parade of Blooms

Spring brings flowers and a fresh, sunny perspective to every part of the Cascade Loop. April produces the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival (2nd largest producer of tulip bulbs after Holland) and the Apple Blossom Festival (largest fresh apple producing area in the US). Add in the delightful Alpine Ohme Gardens, the Rhododendron Gardens and you've got a great spring venue. With these festivals enjoy parades, live entertainment, arts & crafts fairs and all the excitement, activities and food of these well-established spring festivals.

② Cascade H₂O's

Water is a prevalent and important part of the Cascade Loop. From the Puget Sound to the Columbia River to 55-mile-long Lake Chelan (the 3rd deepest lake in the US) we have water to whet your interest! Experience our waters first-hand with a whale watching cruise, scenic river float, hydro-electric Dam Tour, lake cruise and beachcombing. See the Apple Industry where irrigation water enables the apple orchards to flourish. Visit interpretive fish hatcheries and take a nature walk in the Everett Everglades. There is enough water in the Cascades to refresh each tour group!

③ Who, What, How

Who makes most of those airplanes in the sky? What did early American Pioneers live like? How do you make electricity from water? Who makes the best candies in the Northwest? What does a US Mail processing facility look like? How do they pick, pack and ship all those fresh apples? Find out the answers to these questions while enjoying spectacular scenery, comfortable accommodations, and distinct Northwest cuisine.

④ Java, Brews and Views

The Northwest is known for our fresh roasted coffee and microbreweries. Take a tour around the Loop with stops at several coffee roasting companies, enjoy touring and tasting the distinct local microbrews combined with NW cuisine that makes local produce, seafood and herbs part of the culinary experience. Sprinkle in quaint cities, spectacular scenery, great accommodations and local folklore for a truly Northwest experience.

⑤ Natural Wanders

The North Cascades National Park (fee free), three National Forests, Four Wilderness Areas, the third deepest lake in the US, the longest island in the US, numerous State Parks and Puget Sound make for endless possibilities to enjoy fresh air activities, breath-taking scenery and unique Northwest accommodations that blend into nature's décor. Choose your tours' level of participation from viewing scenery and wildlife to easy physical activities like nature walks, whale watching and BBQ's or soft adventures (river floats, hiking, fishing) or go for the gusto with exhilarating physically-active choices such as horseback riding, mountain biking, hot air ballooning, skiing, kayaking or whitewater rafting.

Sample Itineraries

Classic Cascade Loop

A Classic Cascade Loop tour takes from 3 to 7 days. Expect to find incredible scenery viewable right from your motorcoach window. Visit our "cities with character" and settle into our comfortable lodging that complements the spectacular surroundings. There is such a wide array of activities, cities and sights along the Loop that it is easy to customize this tour to suit your group's specific interests and timeframe. Bring lots of film, a generous dose of curiosity and plenty of laughter because you'll use it all.

We have chosen some of the more popular activities and stops for the following itinerary. However, we're happy to help you customize your tour.

Day 1 – Seattle ▪ Snohomish ▪ Leavenworth

- Arrive SeaTac airport in a.m., board bus, drive to **Seattle Waterfront** (30 min) to visit **Pike Place Market**, one of the oldest continuously run markets in the US. You may lunch here where there are many restaurants and food stalls in the area or in Snohomish.*
- Drive to **Snohomish** (1-1/4 hours) the “Antique Capital of the Northwest” and browse through over 450 antique dealers and specialty shops in a six block area of historic downtown. Take the self-guided Victorian walking tour of the city in sunny weather (map at Chamber). Eat at the Collector's Choice restaurant (if you didn't eat at Pike Place Market area) before heading over the pass to the Bavarian Village of **Leavenworth** (2 hours).
- Dine and overnight in Bavarian **Leavenworth** where there are many excellent restaurants and hotels. Stroll through the interesting downtown shops. Or, partake of the outdoor summer theater productions, championship putting course, walk the nature trail on Blackbird Island, or enjoy a western BBQ evening with wagon or sleigh rides. Leavenworth hosts many festivals (see events list) as well.

**If you arrive in Seattle in the afternoon, skip downtown Seattle (and perhaps Snohomish) and drive directly to Leavenworth for dinner and lodging. It is better not to drive out of downtown Seattle during the afternoon rush hour. If you wish to spend the afternoon and evening in downtown Seattle, there are nice boutique hotels within walking distance of Pike Place Market. Or, spend the early afternoon in Seattle then drive to Everett (45 min) to spend the evening – their hotel rates and selection are excellent. Enjoy an evening dinner cruise from the Everett Waterfront.*

Day 2 – Leavenworth ▪ Cashmere ▪ Wenatchee ▪ Chelan

- Breakfast in **Leavenworth**. This morning you may take a scenic river float (3 hours) during April-July, visit the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, or take a wagon ride/BBQ lunch in the countryside.
- Drive to **Cashmere** (15 min) to take the Aplets & Cotlets Candy Kitchen Tour (1 hour) and visit the Cashmere Fruit Exchange (30 min). You may also visit the Chelan County Museum & Pioneer Village in Cashmere.
- Drive to **Wenatchee** (15 min) to visit one or more of the following: ❶ Ohme Alpine Gardens (1-1/2 hour self-guided tour) ❷ Washington Apple Commission V.I.C. with “Backyard Orchard” tour (1 hour) ❸ Wenatchee Valley Museum (1-1/2 hours) ❹ Rocky Reach Dam Guided Tour (1-1/2 hours) or self-guided tour (1 hour). Lunch in Wenatchee or Chelan.
- Drive from Wenatchee to **Chelan** (45 min). The Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Trail (30 min) is in **Entiat** on the way to Chelan (no restrooms).
- Arrive **Chelan** for dinner and lodging. You may do an evening dinner cruise on the lake or a Brewery Tour with dinner.

Day 3 – Chelan ▪ Winthrop

- Cruise Lake Chelan to **Stehekin** on the Lady of the Lake. You may choose from a 4-hour, 6-hour or all-day cruise to the head of Lake Chelan and back. The village of Stehekin can only be reached by boat or floatplane. Once in Stehekin you may take a bus tour to 312' Rainbow Falls, rent bikes for an easy bike ride, walk along the waterfront, eat lunch or visit the bakery before returning to Chelan. You usually have 1 to 1-1/2 hours in Stehekin.
- Drive to **Winthrop** (1-1/2 hours) for dinner and overnight lodging. Stop in **Pateros** (20 minutes from Chelan) at the Rest Awhile Fruit Stand for espresso, pastries and locally-grown fresh fruit and produce, and restrooms. In Winthrop you may arrange a BBQ dinner and wagon ride or dinner-on-your-own at one of several downtown restaurants. Browse the galleries and shops or break up for small group activities (hiking, biking, hot air ballooning, golfing, fishing, river rafting).



Mukilteo Ferry



Downtown Cashmere

State Ferries

(800) 843-3779 (auto-mated), (206) 464-6400, operator assistance available 6am-8pm
For schedule info: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/>

Clinton-Mukilteo Ferry

The Ferry leaves on the hour and half-hour throughout the day. It is best to schedule your crossing for non-commuter hours. Friday afternoons and evenings going to Whidbey Island and Sunday afternoons and evenings going to Mukilteo are somewhat busier during the summer months due to tourist travel.

Sample Rates From Clinton (Whidbey Island) to Mukilteo: \$22.50 - 28.50 for bus, driver & passengers

Sample Rates From Mukilteo to Clinton (Whidbey Island) \$22.50 - \$28.50 for bus and driver, \$1.30/passenger. Ferry terminals do not accept credit cards. Traveler's check or cash is necessary.



Old West Winthrop in the Methow Valley



Downtown Chelan

Motorcoach Resources

Utilities & Transportation
Commission

Permitting Division
Highways – Licenses
Building
Olympia, WA 98504
(360) 664-1160,
www.wuttc.wa.gov

Department of Licensing
Prorate & Reciprocity
Section
Highways-Licenses Building
PO Box 9904
Olympia, WA 98504
(360) 664-1858,
www.access.wa.gov/dol/vehicles/pr-lic.htm

Permit Bond
Fuel Tax Division
PO Box 9228
Olympia, WA 98504
(360) 664-1858,
www.access.wa.gov/dol/vehicles/ft-lic.htm

Day 4 – Winthrop ▪ La Conner

- Drive from **Winthrop** through the **North Cascades National Park** to **Newhalem** (2-1/2 hours). Stop at the US Forest Service V.I.C. in Winthrop as you leave town to pick up their free cassette tape that highlights the history and tales of this mountain passage. Depending on the weather, you may wish to pick up box lunches in Winthrop for a lunch break at Washington Pass Overlook in the park. Regardless, stop at the overlook for a rest stop with spectacular photo ops. Also stop at the Ross and Diablo Lake pull-outs for fantastic views of these brilliant-colored lakes.

- In **Newhalem** go to the North Cascades National Park V.I.C. for a interpretive seminar on the North Cascades Region (45 min), an easy nature walk for additional views of the mountains and a rest stop. Alternately, you may take the Skagit Hydroelectric Dam Lunch Tour (4 hours).

- From Newhalem drive to either **Marblemount** (15 min), **Rockport** (20 min) or **Concrete** (35 min) for lunch (if you didn't box lunch it or take the Dam Lunch Tour). Continue onto La Conner (1 to 1-1/2 hours). You may want to stop at the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Sanctuary Interpretive Center in Mount Vernon (before you go to La Conner) to view a variety of wildlife including bald eagles, harbor seals and blue herons.

- Stroll along main street in **La Conner** to enjoy eclectic galleries and shops along the waterfront. You can visit the Museum of Northwest Art, the Quilt Museum or the Skagit County Historical Museum.

- Take a dinner cruise through Deception Pass Bridge and catch a glimpse of the San Juan Islands on Mystic Sea Charters. Or, dine at one of the seafood restaurants in the area. There are several hotels within the Skagit Valley (30 min. drive at the furthest) where you can enjoy comfortable overnight lodging.

Day 5 – La Conner ▪ Whidbey Island ▪ Everett

- Take a 6-hour Whale Watching cruise from La Conner (May-Oct), or a Tulip cruise to view the blooming tulip fields in April.

- If you don't do a cruise, drive to **Anacortes** (15 min) on Fidalgo Island and stop for lunch. Then, head to the waterfront to visit the W.T. Preston, an old sternwheeler that is now a museum. There are also several galleries and antique shops in town.

- Drive over Deception Pass Bridge to **Whidbey Island**. The towns of **Coupeville** (1 hour) and **Langley** (1-3/4 hours) are well known as artist enclaves. These quaint seaside towns have interesting galleries, shops, and restaurants. Visit Fort Casey State Park for a free tour of the 19th century military fortifications, Admiralty Head Lighthouse with an interpretive center inside it. Fort Ebey State Park offers stunning high-bluff views.

- Take Resort Road to visit the Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens (1 hour) with 53 acres of Gardens and 2000 varieties of Rhododendrons.

- Stop in **Langley** for lunch, shopping or a rest stop before heading to **Clinton** to catch the ferry (20 min. ride, leaves every half-hour) back to the mainland.

- Overnight in **Everett**. Choose a dinner cruise from the Everett Waterfront, dinner at a BrewPub with a Brewery tour, watch an Aquasox Baseball game (June-Sept) or attend a performance at one of the local theaters.

Day 6 – Everett ▪ SeaTac Airport

- Take the 1-1/2 hour **Boeing** Airplane Assembly Plant Tour. This tour can be done on arrival day instead of visiting downtown Seattle or Snohomish.

- Drive to SeaTac Airport for flight home.

Parade of Blooms

(All of April – 1st weekend in May) - Join the Cascade Loop's spring parade when you combine the festivities of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival with the rolling apple orchards in bloom along the Columbia River Valley.

The Skagit Valley is the second largest producer of tulip bulbs in the

world outside of Holland. Each spring 700-1,000 acres of flowers carpet the valley providing a patchwork of vibrant colors with Mount Baker and the Cascade Mountains as their backdrop. Besides the blooms, there are many activities that surround the festival. They include: farm & floral parade, art shows, bike rides through the tulip fields, arts & crafts fair, Kiwanis Salmon BBQ, a tour of a third generation dairy farm, and Woodfest - a celebration of the area's logging history.

The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival is always the first 2-1/2 weeks of April. The bloom dates are controlled by mother nature. However, the whole month of April provides an array of stunning color throughout the valley from one type of flower or another. Preceding the tulip blooms are daffodil blooms, following are iris blooms. The Festival attracts nearly 1 million people each spring. Contact: Skagit Valley Tulip Festival (360) 428-5959, www.tulipfestival.org, tulip@sos.net.

Day 1 – Seattle ▪ La Conner

- Arrive SeaTac airport in a.m., board bus, drive to **Seattle Waterfront** (30 min) to visit **Pike Place Market**, one of the oldest continuously run markets in the US. Lunch at one of the many restaurants or food stalls.
- Drive to **La Conner** (2 hours). Stroll main street to enjoy eclectic galleries and shops along the waterfront. Visit the Museum of Northwest Art, the Quilt Museum or the Skagit County Historical Museum.
- Dine on the La Conner waterfront. Or, take a dinner cruise through Deception Pass Bridge and catch a glimpse of the San Juan Islands. There are several hotels within the Skagit Valley (30 min. drive at the furthest) where you can enjoy comfortable overnight lodging.

Day 2 – Skagit Valley

- **Tour the Skagit Valley Tulip fields.** Growers who easily accommodate buses at their display gardens, green houses and fields are: Roozengarde (360) 424-8531, Lefeber Bulb Company (800) 524-3181, and Tulip Town (360) 424-8152. There are tulip field cruises that show the fields from the water (Mystic Sea Charters). The Skagit County Master Gardener Foundation members will guide tour groups to view tulip fields, share knowledge of Skagit Valley, the tulip industry and points of interest. Their fees vary by group size. Reservations are required (360) 850-0470.
- Visit **Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve** which houses an outstanding Interpretive museum with exhibits and saltwater aquaria. The center has outdoor observation decks, access to the bay and pedestrian trails where you see indigenous wildlife in its natural environment.
- Enjoy fresh Northwest salmon at the Kiwanis **Salmon BBQ**. It's a complete salmon dinner held at Hillcrest Lodge in Mount Vernon overlooking the Skagit Valley. Pre-schedule your stop so they have enough cooked salmon on-hand when your group arrives, call (360) 424-5945, or e-mail Kiwanisbarbq@hotmail.com.
- The juried **Arts & Crafts Fair** is held the final weekend of the festival in downtown Mount Vernon. Contact: Jennifer Kirkpatrick (360) 336-9277.
- **Woodfest** (2nd weekend in April) held in Sedro-Woolley is one of the Northwest's finest woodworking shows. It features international woodworkers in action (888) 225-8365.
- Overnight in the Skagit Valley.

Day 3 – Skagit Valley ▪ Leavenworth

- Breakfast at hotel in Skagit Valley before driving to **Leavenworth** (3 hours). You pass through the Cascade Mountains over 4,061' Stevens Pass for an up close and personal look at the mountain range. Crossing the Cascades you move from a wet, lush, maritime climate to the drier open woodlands of the east slope. You drive through the dramatic slot of the Tumwater Canyon that follows the tumbling Wenatchee River as it leads you into the Bavarian Village of Leavenworth.
- Lunch in Leavenworth. This afternoon your group can do any of the following activities in and around **Leavenworth, Cashmere** and



Skagit Valley Tulip Field



Apple Orchard in Bloom in the Wenatchee Valley

Bus Charter & Rental Companies

Allstar Transportation
(425) 742-2320

Chinook Charter Service
(425) 259-3262

Country Road Charter
(425) 355-3171

Edmonds charters
(425) 743-0687

Goodtime Chariot Tours
(360) 651-9321

Gray Line of Seattle
(800) 544-0739
(206) 626-5226

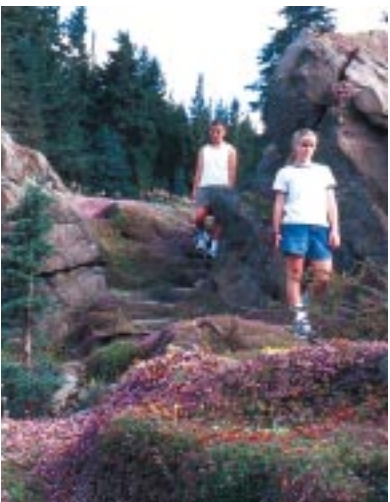
Hesselgrave Int'l
(800) 457-5522
(360) 734-3570

Journey Lines Inc
(425) 771-8336

Totem Coaches Inc.
(800) 845-7291
(206) 661-9079



Spring in Leavenworth



Ohme Alpine Gardens overlooking the Wenatchee Valley



Everett Waterfront

Wenatchee: take a scenic river float (3 hours), visit the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery (1 hour), take the Aplets & Cotlets Candy Kitchen Tour (1 hour, 15 minute drive to Cashmere) and visit the Cashmere Fruit Exchange (30 min), visit the Chelan County Museum & Pioneer Village in Cashmere, Rocky Reach Dam Guided Tour (1-1/2 hours) or self-guided tour (1 hour) located 7 miles north of Wenatchee.

- BBQ Dinner and Wagon Ride near Leavenworth. Overnight in Leavenworth or the Wenatchee Valley.

Day 4 – Wenatchee

- The fruit blossoms are in bloom throughout the Wenatchee Valley at this time of year. You will see rolling orchards that reach down to the highway before flowing to the banks of both the Wenatchee and Columbia Rivers. Washington State is the world's top producer of fresh market apples. The

Washington Apple Commission Visitors Center is the place to learn about the apple industry. Explore their “backyard” orchard to see the latest growing and pruning techniques. Peek inside a “real” beehive and learn about cold storage (1 hour). **Washington Apple Commission** - Contact: Diane Griggs (509) 663-9600 x249, dgriggs@bestapples.com.

- Combine the Visitors Center with a working demonstration of turn-of-the-century apple sorting equipment at **Wenatchee Valley Museum** (1 hour). The museum has a Apple Label collection, and native American displays. Reservations required, contact: Mary Thomsen (509) 664-3345

- Lunch in Wenatchee before strolling through **Ohme Alpine Gardens** (1-1/2 hour self-guided tour) where spring blooms will be out (open April 15-Oct 15). Contact: Mike Short (509) 662-5785.

Alternate Timing: If you are planning a tour during the last week in April through the first week in May take part in the **Washington Apple Blossom Festival** with parades, live entertainment, arts & crafts fair and many other activities. The Grand Parade on the first Saturday of May is a 3 hour parade with floats, marching bands, drill teams, equestrian groups, etc. Reserved seating is available. Following the parade is an Airforce Band concert in the park where the arts & crafts fair is held. Reserved parking is available for this area as well. The festival is excellent to combine with the activities mentioned above that highlight the Apple industry. If you would like an itinerary including the parade, please contact the Cascade Loop.

- Drive to **Seattle** (2-1/2 hours) for dinner and lodging or a late flight out.

Cascade H2O's

(May-November) - Water flows here, there, everywhere along the Cascade Loop. Tour our waters first-hand with a whale watching cruise, scenic river float, hydro-electric dam tour, lake cruise and beachcombing. Learn how irrigation water makes the apple orchards flourish. Visit interpretive fish hatcheries and view waterfalls, rivers and lakes. Our Cascade waters are sure to refresh your tour group.

Day 1 – Seattle ▪ Everett

- Arrive SeaTac airport in a.m. Board bus, drive to **Seattle Waterfront** (30 min) to visit **Pike Place Market**. Lunch here where there are many restaurants and food stalls. Visit the **Seattle Aquarium** (2 hours) located on the Seattle waterfront.

- Drive to **Everett** (45 min) for an evening **dinner cruise** on the Everett Waterfront. Overnight in Everett. If you arrive in Everett in the early afternoon you can take a free foot ferry ride to **Jetty Island** from the Everett Waterfront (July-Sept). The island is teeming with wildlife, saltwater beaches and a nice nature trail to walk (425) 257-8300.

- You may take a **whale watching cruise** from the Everett Waterfront. This is a 5-6 hour cruise that can be done in place of Day 2 activities. Or, tour the Boeing Airplane Assembly Plant. After the cruise or Tour, you can take I-5 North to La Conner (45 min) to dine, overnight and continue on with the rest of the tour as described.

Day 2 – Everett ▪ Whidbey Island ▪ La Conner

- Drive to the **Mukilteo Ferry** terminal (20 min) for a ferry ride to **Whidbey Island** (20 min ride, leaves every half hour). If there is a wait for the ferry you can walk to the working **Mukilteo Lighthouse** with a small museum inside (425) 355-9656.
- Drive to the seaside village of **Langley**, 15 minutes from the ferry terminal. Langley is known as the “artist colony” of Puget Sound. Stop here to browse the galleries, shops and to have lunch.
- Drive North to **Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens** (30 min) for a self-guided or guided tour of 53 acres of Rhododendrons with 2000 varieties.
- Continue North to **Fort Casey State Park** (near Coupeville) which features late 19th Century fortifications, Admiralty Head Lighthouse, and an interpretive Center (1 hour). Free entrance, open daily (360) 678-4519.
- Cross **Deception Pass Bridge** on your way to **La Conner** (1 hour). Stroll along main street to enjoy eclectic galleries and shops along the waterfront. Visit the Museum of Northwest Art, the Quilt Museum or the Skagit County Historical Museum. Dine on the La Conner waterfront. Or, take a dinner cruise through Deception Pass Bridge and catch a glimpse of the San Juan Islands on Mystic Sea Charters. There are several hotels within the **Skagit Valley** (30 min. drive at the furthest) where you can enjoy comfortable overnight lodging.

Day 3 – La Conner

- **Whale Watching** cruise (6 hours), the La Conner Waterfront (May-Oct)
- Visit the **Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve** which houses an outstanding Interpretive museum with exhibits and saltwater aquaria. The center has outdoor observation decks, access to the bay, and pedestrian trails (upland and waterfront) where you may see indigenous wildlife in its natural environment. Guided tours available.
- Overnight in the Skagit Valley.

Day 4 – Skagit Valley ▪ Winthrop

- Visit the **North Cascades National Park V.I.C.** in Newhalem (1-1/2 hours) for a 30-minute interpretive seminar on the wildlife, habitat and history of the region. Travel through the North Cascades National Park.
- Drive to Diablo (15 min) for the **Skagit Hydroelectric Project Dam Tour** (4 hours) including a Diablo Lake cruise, incline railway ride, tour of generating facility and a hearty meal. A shorter 90-minute tour is available.
- Stop at the **Ross Lake overlook** for a photo op. Take a break at the **Washington Pass Overlook** for stunning views and restrooms. Continue from here to Winthrop (total trip from Dam to Winthrop 2-3 hours).
- Dinner and overnight in **Winthrop**.

Day 5 – Winthrop ▪ Lake Chelan

- Visit the **National Fish Hatchery** (1 hour) in Winthrop before driving south along the Methow River. Stop at the Rest Awhile Fruit Stand (June-Nov) for fresh fruit, produce, espresso and restrooms (1 hour).
- Arrive at **Lake Chelan** (20 min), walk along the riverfront paved trail, and browse the shops.
- Dinner cruise on the Lake or at one of the many restaurants in town.

Day 6 – Lake Chelan ▪ Wenatchee

- Half-day Lake Chelan boat cruise on this 55-mile long pristine lake to the remote Village of Stehekin. Lunch at Stehekin, tour of 312' Rainbow Falls.
- Drive to **Rocky Reach Dam** (35 min) for guided or self-guided tour (1-2 hours)
- Visit **Ohme Alpine Gardens** in Wenatchee (15 min drive, 1 hour self-guided tour).
- Dinner and lodging in Wenatchee.

Day 7 – Wenatchee ▪ Leavenworth

- Washington State is the world's top producer of fresh apples. Explore



Jetty Island Ranger guided educational tours



Lady of the Lake Boat moored at the remote village of Stehekin

Cascade Loop Travel Video

For a 30-minute fully-narrated travel video of the Cascade Loop you may contact the Cascade Loop Association.

If your clients would like to purchase a video they may contact:

Hatzoff Productions

(800) 458-5335

(206) 284-5577

FAX (206) 284-6611

PO Box 9465

Seattle, WA 98109

www.videopresentations.com/hatzoff

hatzoffvideo@worldnet.catt.net



Deception Pass Bridge
connects Fidalgo and Whidbey
Islands

this fascinating industry at the **Washington Apple Commission V.I.C.** with “Backyard Orchard” (1 hour) in Wenatchee. Contact: Diane Griggs (509) 663-9600 x249.

- Drive to **Leavenworth** (30 min) for a two-hour **scenic river float** on the Wenatchee River.
- Dinner and lodging in Leavenworth. Attend an evening performance at the **Ice Creek Music Center’s Summer Chamber Music Festival** (July) - concerts feature chamber music, jazz and bluegrass artists or at the **Leavenworth Summer Theater** (Late July-Aug) – an outdoor summer performance set in a beautiful mountain theater. Or, browse through downtown and enjoy the many shops, restaurants and numerous festivals.

Day 8 – Leavenworth ▪ Seattle

- Return to Seattle (2-1/2 hours) for flight home.



Fresh Air Adventures – Natural Wanders

With over 440 miles of highway, the Cascade Loop Scenic Drive delivers spectacular scenery, activities to suit all levels of participation and diverse accommodations that reflect our appreciation of nature. Many outdoor activities are available in several different spots along the Loop. That makes it easy to design a custom itinerary to match your tour’s interests. For details on specific activities, or help in designing a soft adventure group, please contact the Cascade Loop Association.

Activity

Whale Watching
River Rafting
Hiking, Nature Walks, Wildlife Viewing
Mountain Biking
Kayaking
Fishing
Golfing
Horseback Riding
Wagon/Sleigh Rides
Hot Air Ballooning
Parasailing
Waterskiing
Paragliding/Hang Gliding
Rock Climbing
Downhill Skiing
Cross-Country Skiing
Snowmobiling
Snowshoeing
Dog Sledding
Camping
Sailing

Locations Activity is Available

Everett, La Conner, Anacortes
Wenatchee, Skagit, Methow, Skykomish, Stehekin Rivers
North Cascades National Park, Wenatchee National Forest, Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker National Forest, Fort Casey & Fort Ebey State Parks, Stehekin, Methow Valley Trails
Methow Valley, Wenatchee, Cashmere, Entiat, Chelan
Everett Everglades and several rivers throughout the Loop
Several lakes and rivers throughout the Loop
Entire Cascade Loop
Methow Valley, Lake Wenatchee
Methow Valley, Lake Chelan, Leavenworth, Lake Wenatchee
Methow Valley, Snohomish
Lake Chelan
Columbia River, Lake Chelan
Lake Chelan, Cashmere
Lake Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Cashmere, Methow Valley, Stehekin
Stevens Pass, Mission Ridge, Echo Valley (Chelan), Loup-Loup (Twisp)
Methow Valley, Lake Wenatchee, Stevens Pass, Lake Chelan, Leavenworth
Lake Wenatchee, Stevens Pass, Chelan, Methow Valley, Marblemount
Stehekin, Stevens Pass, Methow Valley
Lake Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Methow Valley
Entire Cascade Loop
Everett, La Conner, Anacortes, Lake Chelan, Lake Wenatchee

Regional & City Tourism Contacts

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WA 98233

Cashmere Chamber of Commerce

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Cashmere Tourism & Development Group

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301 Angier Ave., #B, Cashmere, WA 98815

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Eagle Festival

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Entiat Valley Chamber of Commerce

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PO Box 1007, 117 N. 1st St, Ste 4, Mount
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North Cascades Chamber of Commerce

(877) 875-2448, (360) 873-4432,
www.marblemount.com, PO Box 175,
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Washington State Apple Blossom Festival

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www.appleblossom.org, PO Box 2836, 516
Washington St., Wenatchee, WA 98807

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Winthrop Chamber of Commerce

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Information Resources

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www.experiencewashington.com

WA. State Mountain Pass

Conditions - Automated
(800) 695-7623, <http://traffic.usdot.wa.gov/sno-info>

Washington Department of Transportation

<http://traffic.usdot.wa.gov/>

Washington Disabled Recreation Access

(800) 544-1800, www.ada-rec.wa.gov/
Provides a comprehensive directory of disabled recreation access sites.

North Cascades Institute

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Field seminars on natural history and wildlife in the North Cascades area.

North Cascades National Park - Tim Manns

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Calendar of Events

For specific dates or details on events call or visit the website of the local Chambers for the city where the event is held, or phone the Cascade Loop Association. Event Information Resources are located under the Regional & City Tourism Contacts section.

January

Village of Lights (Leavenworth) – Thanksgiving thru mid-January
Bavarian Ice Fest (Leavenworth) – 2nd or 3rd weekend

February

Skagit Valley Bald Eagle Festival (Marblemount, Rockport, Concrete) – 1st weekend

Fasching (Leavenworth), Bavarian Carnival, costume ball, games
Mystery Weekend (Langley), interactive mystery play involving the whole town – last weekend

March

Penn Cove Mussel Festival (Coupeville) – 1st weekend

April

18th Annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival – 1st 2-1/2 weeks of April

Quilt Walk (Anacortes) – 1st two weeks in April

Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens peak bloom (Greenbank, Whidbey Island) – all month until mid-May

Woodfest (Sedro-Woolley) carver demos, crafts & food – 2nd weekend

Hot Air Balloon Festival (Winthrop)

Meerkerk Magic: A Festival of Flowers & Music (Greenbank, Whidbey Island), late April

Mariachi Northwest Festival (Wenatchee) – 3rd week

Holland Happening (Oak Harbor) parade, crafts, food – last weekend

82nd Annual Apple Blossom Festival (Wenatchee) – last week of April

May

82nd Annual Apple Blossom Festival (Wenatchee) – 1st week of May

Beach'n Hang Gliding Tourney (Chelan)

Meerkerk Rhododendron Garden: Mother's Day Concert (Greenbank, Whidbey Island), Mother's Day

Bavarian Maifest (Leavenworth), flowers, music, Grand March, Maipole, Renaissance picnic, art – 2nd weekend

'49er Days and State Chili Cook-Off (Winthrop) – mid-May

Waterfront Maritime Festival (Anacortes) – 3rd weekend

Bavarian Folk Dance Festival (Leavenworth) – 3rd weekend

Rodeo Days (Winthrop) – End of May

June

Salty Sea Days & Blues by the Bay (Everett) – 1st weekend

Taste of Chelan Street Fair (Chelan) – 4th weekend

Int'l Accordion Celebration (Leavenworth), competitions, parade, work shops, dancing – 4th weekend

Founders' Day Celebration (Cashmere) – last weekend

July

Loggerodeo (Sedro-Woolley), parade, rodeo, entertainment, logging exhibits – 4th of July weekend

4th of July Fireworks (several cities & towns around the Loop)

Icicle Creek Music Center's Summer Chamber Festival (Leavenworth), classical and jazz venues – weekends July-August

Berry Dairy Days (Burlington) – mid-July

Classic Hang Gliding Competition (Chelan)

Bach Feste (Chelan), many venues indoors & out – 2nd full week

Highland Games & Scottish Faire (Mount Vernon) – 2nd weekend
Summer Shindig (Sultan), logging contest, parade, carnival and street fair – 2nd weekend

Choochokam Arts Festival (Langley) – 2nd weekend

Kla Ha Ya Days (Snohomish) – 3rd weekend

Rhythm & Blues Festival (Winthrop) – mid-July

Race Week (Oak Harbor), sailboat racing competitions, festival – 3rd full week

WPRA Rodeo (Chelan) – 4th weekend

Country Music Festival (Winthrop) – last weekend

August

Whidbey Island Folk Music Festival (Meerkerk Gardens, Whidbey Island) – 1st weekend

Leavenworth Acoustic Music Festival – early August

Methow Music Festival (Mazama) – weekends

Juried Arts Festival (Anacortes), 300+ artisans – 1st August

Omak Stampede Rodeo & Suicide Race – 2nd weekend

Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival (Mukilteo) – mid-August

Riverwalk Fine Arts Show (Chelan) – 3rd weekend

Old Time Fiddle & Giant Insect Contest (Winthrop) – late August

Evergreen State Fair (Monroe) – last week

September

Evergreen State Fair (Monroe) – first week

River Daze (Chelan), music, art, in the park – Labor Day weekend

Rodeo Days (Winthrop)

Annual Quilt Show (Leavenworth), guided tour – 2nd weekend

Founders' Day (Sedro-Woolley), re-enactment of historical gun fight, gala, picnic, car show – 2nd weekend

Wenatchee River Salmon Festival (Leavenworth) – 4th weekend

Historic Home Tour (Snohomish)

Lake Chelan HydroFest (Chelan)

WA. State Autumn Leaf Festival (Leavenworth) – last weekend

WA. State Draft Horse & Mule Extravaganza (Monroe) – last wkend

October

WA. State Autumn Leaf Festival (Leavenworth) – 1st weekend

Apple Days at the Pioneer Village & Museum (Cashmere)

Methow Valley Mountain Bike Festival (Winthrop)

Oktoberfest Celebrations (Leavenworth & Winthrop) – 2nd weekend

Fall Art Walk (Langley) – mid-October

November

Whidbey Island Dance Festival (Coupeville), dances, classes, performances – 1st Thursday-Sunday of the month

Arts Alive (La Conner), in-gallery demos, meet the artists – 1st wknd

Christkindlmarkt (Leavenworth) – Thanksgiving weekend

December

Christmas Lighting Festival (Leavenworth) – 1st & 2nd weekends

Lighted Boat Parade (La Conner)

Christmas Caroling Cruise (Chelan) – mid-December

Holiday Art Walk (Langley)

On-Going Events

Confluence Gallery Exhibits (Twisp) – Exhibits change every 6 weeks. (509) 997-2787

Everett Performing Arts Center (425) 317-8412

Merc Summer Playhouse (Twisp) (509) 997-7529

Summer Theater (Leavenworth) – July-Aug (509) 548-2000

Farmers' Markets & Fruit Stands (around the entire Loop, May-Oct)

Information Resources

US Forest Service/ National Park Service

Outdoor Recreation
Information Center
(206) 470-4060 or (206)
220-7450, Located in the
REI Building, downtown
Seattle. Hrs: Tues-Fri.
10:30am-7pm, Sat 9am-
7pm, Sun 9:30am-6pm

WA. State Forest Service

www.fs.fed.us/r6
Lists trails, campgrounds,
current recreation report for
all ranger districts in the
Northwest region.

Washington State Parks

(800) 233-0321 information
(800) 452-5687 Reserva-
tions, www.parks.wa.gov

WA. Trails Association

(206) 625-1367
www.wta.org/wta
Detailed information on
trails throughout the state.

SeaTac Int'l Airport

(206) 433-5388
17800 Pacific Highway
South
Seattle, WA 98158

Pangborn Memorial Airport

(509) 884-2494
One Pangborn Dr.
East Wenatchee, WA
98802

Horizon Air (800) 547-
9308 & **Alaska Air** (800)
426-0333 run daily com-
muter routes from Seattle
to Pangborn

Amtrak Passenger Service

Terminals in Everett, 208
Bond St. (425) 258-2458
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Toll-Free reservations (800)
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